MINUTES

OF THE

SIXTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

LIBERTY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

HELD WITH THE

PLEASANT HILL BAPTIST CHURCH,

October 3rd, 4th, and 5th, 1890.

J. R. WIGGINS, Moderator. A. J. MAYFIELD, Clerk.

MONT. I. BUETON, PRINTER AND STATIONER, TUSKALOOSA.

MINUTES.

On Friday before the first Sabbath in October, 1890, the Ministers and Delegates comprising the Liberty Association, met with the Pleasant Hill Baptist Church, Hale County.

The Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder W. G. Hubbard, from the 91st Psalm, 15th and 16th verses: "He shall call upon me and I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble, I will deliver him and honor him, with long life will I satisfy him and show him my salvation." After which a recess of one hour was given to partake of dinner, which was prepared and at the church.

Then the delegates assembled in the house, sang a hymn, bowed in prayer, led by J. T. Tubb, then the former moderator, W. G. Hubbard, called the house to order, declared it partially organized and ready for business.

Called for letters from the various churches, and appointed J. H. Deweese and I. D. Geddie reading committee. Letters read and names of delegates enrolled as follows:

HAYSOP.—W. G. Hubbard, G. W. Townsend, G. W. Hubbard,* Robert Murphey, S. C. Hubbard.

LIBERTY.—F. M. Hobson,* J. R. Wiggins, J. H. Dewees, Joab Shuttlesworth.

PLEASANT HILL.—Cyrus Tingle, R. F. Coley, A. B. Coley, Wm. Tingle.

SPRING HILL.—Malcom Morrison, Jr.,* L. C. Averett,* Quincy Arnold, Sr.

MULBERRY.—G. M. Hobson, A. J. Mayfield, G. B. Fikes,* J. S. Stevens.*

ELLIOTT'S CREEK.—G. G. Pharis,* Wm. Phipps, G. T. Wilson, J. M. Geddie.

PINE FLAT.—Normon Morrison,* C. W. Arnold,* B. C. P. Latner, W. D. Latner.

UNION.—B. F. Clements, J. C. Johnson, Wm. Wooton, Jr.,* E. L. Simpson.* I. J. Greathouse.

SOUTH SANDY.—J. R. Thompson, J. T. Tubb, J. J. Hosmer,* J. D. Sumner.

UNION HILL.—W. L. Dockrey.

Names of Delegates marked thus (*) were absent.

Then went into the election of moderator and clerk, which resulted in the choice of Eld. J. R. Wiggins, Moderator, and A. J. Mayfield, Clerk.

Then opened the door for newly constituted or other churches bearing petitionary letters, and Union Hill came forward and was received.

Then appointed the following committees :

On Devotion—Robert Murphey, J. D. Sumner, with the Deacons of Pleasant Hill Church.

On Arrangements—J. R. Thompson, W. G. Hubbard, Wm. Phipps, with the moderator and clerk.

On Documents—R. F. Coley, J. M. Geddie, B. F. Clements.

On Temperance—Wm. Tingle, G. T. Wilson, A. J. Mayfield.

On Missions—Joab Shuttlesworth, W. D. Latner, A. B. Coley.

On Education—J. H. Deweese, Cyrus Tingle, G. W. Townsend.

On Deceased Ministers—W. L. Dockrey, Wm. Tingle, J. T. Tubb.

Then opened the door for Correspondence. Received Correspondence as follows :

From the Tuscaloosa Association—G. W. Clements, with letter.

From the Harmony—Richard Matthews, with Minutes.

From the Cahaba—R. Y. Wood, W. O. Stevens, G. F. Tucker.

Called for the report on Devotion. Committee reported that B. F. Clements preach to-morrow at 11 o'clock.

On motion, adjourned until to-morrow morning 9 o'clock. Prayer by R. Y. Wood.

SATURDAY MORNING, 9 o'clock.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment. Joined in singing, and prayer by the Moderator. Called for the report of the Committee on Arrangements, which was read, received, and Committee discharged. Reported that the Association take up business as follows, and that no brother be allowed over fifteen minutes to make a speech on any subject.

1. Called the roll and marked absentees.
2. Invited Ministers to seats with us.
3. Appointed a Committee on superannuated ministers, to-wit : J. T. Tubb, S. C. Hubbard, A. J. Mayfield.
4. Re-opened the door for Correspondence.
5. Called for the Report on Documents :

We, your Committee on Documents, submit the following: We have examined all the documents on hand, and find nothing to claim your attention. Yours &c., B. F. CLEMENTS, Chm'n.

6. Called for the report on Finance. Received from the churches $14.50. Report received and Committee discharged.

No report on Temperance on account of sickness, which prevented brothers Adam Fikes and F. M. Hobson from being with us.

8. Called for the Report on Missions:

We, your Committee on Missions, beg leave to report the cause of Missions is not aroused very much in our midst. The Southern Baptist Convention has just closed the most successful year in its history. The meeting at Fort Worth, Texas, was largely attended. Alabama had a full delegation, besides representatives from many Associations. The contributions for Foreign Missions were $1.824.00 more than last year. The Home Missions were $671.00 more than last year. With thousands of our people doing nothing in the cause of missions, this should arouse every one of us, and if all of us would do a little in the Master's cause we would soon learn that it is more blessed to give than to receive.

Respectfully submitted, I. D. Geddie, Chm'n.

9. Called for the Report on Education:

We, your Committee on Education, submit the following: The word education is derived from a Latin word which means to lead, to draw out, to train up as a child, to educate. A child, then, is to draw out his mind to develop the faculties of the same. The Bible enjoins upon us the duty of training up our children in the way they should go, and when they are old they will not depart from it. Man possesses a three-fold nature, a physical, a mental and a moral nature. All of these must be educated to fit and qualify our children for every avocation in life. Education, in its broadest sense, implies any kind of training. The common acception of the term is knowledge. Therefore, it is our duty to give our children all the knowledge that we can. Education is more needed in the present time than ever before, when as it were, everything is run with steam and electricity; when there are so many questions, financial, social, moral, and religious staring us in the face; therefore, we should wake up to our duty and do all we can to place them upon a higher plane, and impress upon them the necessity of studying the sacred Scriptures if we would not have them buried in one common ruin or destroyed in the hailstorm of infidelity. This is a responsibility that no parent can avoid. The parent who claims to be a Christian and neglects this, the most important of all responsibilities, will one day, we fear, wake up to the fact, that he is in the same condition with the unprofitable servant who buried his talent.

A. J. Mayfield,
J. M. Geddie,
Wm. Tingle, } Committee.

10. Returned Correspondence as follows:

To the Tuscaloosa Association—W. G. Hubbard, G. W. Howard, M. P. Champion.

To the Cahaba—J. M. Geddie, G. W. Townsend.

To the Harmony—W. G. Hubbard, J. R. Wiggins, Robert Murphey.

To the Mulberry—F. M. Hobson, A. Fikes, A. J. Mayfield, J. R. Wiggins.

On motion, adjourned two hours for preaching and dinner. Brother B. F. Clements preached an interesting sermon to a large and attentive congregation from the 5th chapter and 16th verse of Galatians, "This, I say, then walk in the Spirit and ye shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh."

11. House called to order by the Moderator.

12. Called for the report on Sabbath Schools:

We your Committee on Sabbath Schools, beg leave to report: We are sorry to have to report that the cause of Sabbath Schools is on the decline in our Association. At our last session we were able to report that a Sabbath School had been organized in all the churches in our union, but there has only been schools organized in a few of the churches in our midst this year, and but little interest seems to be manifested among us in the cause of Sabbath Schools; therefore, we recommend that this body take some steps that will bring about a greater interest in this grand cause.

J. T. Tubb,
J. H. Deweese,
A. J. Mayfield, } Committee.

Resolved, That this Association endeavor to make an improvement in regard to the keeping up of Sabbath Schools in our midst. On motion, J. R. Thompson was added to the Committee on Sabbath Schools.

13. Called for the Report on Deceased Ministers:

We, your Committee on Deceased Ministers, submit the following: Since the last session of this body, it has pleased God in his wisdom to remove from among us one of our venerable ministers of the Gospel, to-wit, M. T. Jenkins. Therefore, be it resolved by this Association, that we deeply mourn the loss of this old veteran soldier of the Cross. But we feel resigned to the will of God, for while we have sustained the loss of him and been deprived of his counsel and instruction, it has been his eternal gain, and may it be our chief aim to live so that when we come to die that we may meet him with all the saints that are gone before. Resolved 2nd, That the bereaved family and connection of the deceased have the deepest sympathies of this Association.

W. L. Dockrey, Chm'n.

On motion a public collection was taken up for sister Jenkins, which amounted to $5.50.

The next session of this body will meet with the Pine Flat

Church, Hale County, Alabama, on Friday before the first Sabbath in October, 1891. Elder Adam Fikes to preach the introductory sermon; F. M. Hobson, alternate.

On motion, it was agreed that the Clerk superintend the printing of 300 copies of these Minutes, and retain 40 copies for correspondence, together with the balance of the money on hand for his services, and that he act as distributing agent.

On motion, Elder F. M. Hobson is to preach at 11 o'clock Sabbath morning at the next session of this Association.

The next District Meeting of this Association will be held with the South Sandy Church, Tuscaloosa County, Alabama, commencing on Friday, before the second Sabbath in September, 1891. Elder W. G. Hubbard to preach the introductory sermon; F. M. Hobson, alternate.

On motion, the Association returned its thanks to the brethren and sisters of Pleasant Hill church, and the citizens of the vicinity for their generous hospitality and kind treatment during our stay among them. The Devotional Committee reported prayer-meeting Sabbath morning at 10 o'clock, led by J. T. Tubb. Preaching at 11 o'clock by Elder W. G. Hubbard.

The Association having finished all the business before it, sang a hymn. Prayer by W. G. Hubbard.

A. J. Mayfield,
Clerk.

J. R. Wiggins,
Moderator.

Sabbath Morning, 10 o'clock.

Prayer-meeting, led by J. T. Tubb; at 11 o'clock Elder W. O. Stevens preached a short sermon from the latter clause of the 1st verse of the 61 chapter of Isaiah, "And opening the prison to them that are bound." Also Elder W. G. Hubbard preached an interesting sermon from the 1st and 2nd verses of the 14th chapter of St. John: "Let not your heart be troubled, ye believe in God, believe also in me: In my Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so I would have told you: I go to prepare a place for you." Sang an appropriate hymn, and took the parting hand.—Clerk.

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STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCH.	PASTOR.	POST OFFICE.	COUNTY.	Baptized	Received by Letter	Restored	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Died	Previous Number	Present Number	Money Sent.
Haysop	W. G. Hubbard	Scottsville	Bibb		3		1	1	1		132	$3 00
Liberty	F. M. Hobson	Hagler	Tuskaloosa	4		1	3			85	87	1 00
Pleasant Hill	J. R. Wiggins	Hagler	Tuskaloosa	9	2		3			89	97	1 00
Spring Hill	F. M. Hobson	Hagler	Tuskaloosa		1	1	2	1		42	41	1 45
Mulberry	Adam Fikes	Pondville	Bibb			2	4	2		82	78	2 50
Elliott's Creek	J. R. Wiggins	Hagler	Tuskaloosa		1			1	1	34	33	1 00
Pine Flat	J. R. Wiggins	Hagler	Tuskaloosa	5		3	1	2		43	47	1 50
Union	Adam Fikes	Pondville	Bibb							38	38	1 50
South Sandy	F. M. Hobson	Hagler	Tuskaloosa				25	5		93	63	1 30
Union Hill	J. W. Loveless									13		25